

SITUATION REPORT NO. 24
INCIDENT NO. 95--04 (FEMA-1050-DR-ND)
DATE: August 1, 1995 TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on August 1, 1995 is 1435.70 feet msl.

July precipitation amounts and deviation from normal for major reporting points in the state are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% Normal</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% Normal</u>
Bismarck	4.99"	233%	Grand Forks	9.09"	334%
Devils Lake	4.24"	159%	Jamestown	9.87"	358%
Dickinson	3.91"	188%	Minot	1.79"	71%
Fargo	5.27"	195%	Williston	3.49"	166%

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On July 27, 1995, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state and local emergency management, State Water Commission, and City of Devils Lake officials met to review emergency measures necessary to protect the City of Devils Lake should Devils Lake continue to rise in 1996.

Combined releases from Jamestown and Pipestem Dams have been reduced from 1,150 cfs to 950 cfs.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation reports that the grade raise on Highway #57 at the Narrows will be completed this week. Highway #19 at the Junction of Highway #281 is being raised to 1442 feet msl. The grade raise on Highway #19 at Six Mile Bay will begin this week.

Minnewaukan officials will let bids for the new sewage lagoon project on August 3, 1995.

The State Water Commission is producing signs warning lake users of poles, wires, and debris for placement around Devils Lake.

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture has reported that CRP acres have been opened for haying and grazing in Nelson, Ramsey, Cavalier, Towner, and Griggs counties. Benson County's request was approved at the county and state level, but rejected by USDA officials in Washington. Crop maturity statewide is behind normal with crop conditions mostly in the "fair" to "good" categories. However, crop diseases are becoming a concern.

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation staff is examining re-design and relocation of boat ramps at Devils Lake based on continued potential for lake rises in 1996.

Public Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND: As of July 29, 1995 a total of 194 applicants have issued a Notice of Interest to the Division of Emergency Management. One hundred forty-six are local governments, five are state agencies, 33 are special districts, and 10 are private non-profit organizations.

There have been 1,149 DSR's (Disaster Survey Reports) submitted to the DFO (Disaster Field Office) for review. The first review has been completed for 536 DSR's and they have been sent to the Regional Processing Center in Denver.

In addition to previous reports: site inspections have been completed in Barnes, Cavalier, Logan, McLean, Renville, Rolette, Stutsman, and Traill Counties and the Standing Rock and Turtle Mountain Indian Reservations; and all identified damage sites have been inspected and DSR's turned in for review from Burleigh, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, LaMoure, McHenry, Pierce, Ramsey, and Towner Counties.

Inspection teams are working in Benson, Dickey, Kidder, McIntosh, Nelson, Sargent, and Sheridan counties along with inspecting special districts and private non-profit organizations. The number of inspection teams has been reduced from 19 to 15.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: Seventeen Notices of Interest and two applications have been received for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The application deadline for HMGP is December 10, 1995. Evaluation and prioritization of HMGP applications will not begin until after that date.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND: As of July 31, 1995, Job Service ND officials reported they have received 2,595 claims for Disaster Unemployment Assistance. Six hundred twenty-eight claims have been processed for payment with 1,925 claims pending. Forty-two claims have been denied. Disaster Unemployment benefits paid so far are \$432,233.00.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous report.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Thunderstorms in northwestern North Dakota struck Burke, Divide, and Williams Counties on Saturday, July 29, 1995. High winds damaged buildings and trees throughout the three county area. In Williston, lightning struck the Law Enforcement Center causing extensive computer and communications equipment damage. Lightning also ignited an apartment building fire. No major injuries were reported from the storms. Local fire departments, public works agencies, and volunteers are cleaning up the debris.

The next State Flood Coordination Center meeting will be held August 10, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. in Devils Lake at the Satellite DFO.

Signed _____
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State Director